



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1677

**DATE:** July 19, 2016

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home- and Community-Based (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers, Integrated Health Homes and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** interRAI™ Assessments

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

During July 2014 through May 2015 the department and Telligen, the Iowa Medicaid assessment vendor, conducted stakeholder engagement sessions to solicit input on the selection and process of assessments for Medicaid members served by the Elderly Waiver, Health & Disability Waiver, Brain Injury Waiver, Physical Disability Waiver, AIDS/HIV Waiver, Children's Mental Health Waiver and Habilitation. The department selected the interRAI suite of tools for standardized assessments for these programs. The interRAI assessments met the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements for standardized assessments.

Telligen will conduct the face-to-face assessments for persons served through Fee-for-Service (FFS). Implementation of the interRAI suite of assessment tools for persons receiving waiver services under FFS began in December 2015 through a pilot program for the Elderly, Health and Disability and Physical Disability Waivers. Continuing implementation of the interRAI suite of assessments will follow the below schedule:

Waiver	Assessment	Age Group	Implementation Date
Elderly, Brain Injury, Physical Disability, Health & Disability, HIV/AIDS	interRAI-Home Care	21 and over	June 6, 2016
Brain Injury and Health & Disability	interRAI-Pediatric Home Care	4 – 20	June 6, 2016
Children's Mental Health, Brain Injury and Health & Disability	TCM Comprehensive Assessment	0 – 3	July 1, 2016
Children's Mental Health and Habilitation	interRAI-Child and Mental Health	4 – 18	July 1, 2016

Habilitation	interRAI-Community Mental Health	19 and over	July 1, 2016
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Telligen receives notice of the assessment need through the Individualized Services Information System (ISIS) workflow. Telligen will contact the member or the member's guardian and the case manager (if identified in ISIS) to conduct the assessment. Telligen will provide the results of the assessment to the case manager within five business days by posting the report in the Iowa Medicaid Portal Application (IMPA) system. Case managers must secure access to the IMPA assessment workflow by submitting the [Long Term Care File Upload IMPA Access](#)<sup>1</sup> form. If you have questions regarding completion of the form, please contact IMPA support at [IMPAsupport@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMPAsupport@dhs.state.ia.us).

Effective June 6, 2016, the [Level of Care Certification for HCBS Waiver Program](#)<sup>2</sup> form and the [Service Worker Comprehensive Assessment](#)<sup>3</sup> form are no longer required for level of care

Questions and inquiries related to the interRAI can be submitted to [CoreStandardizedAssessments@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:CoreStandardizedAssessments@dhs.state.ia.us).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tfaforms.com/rest/forms/view/433312>

<sup>2</sup> [https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4392\\_2.pdf](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4392_2.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5044.pdf>